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IN
HOME: EPILOGUE
SAY YOU WILL
CASTLE ACORN'S ROYAL INFIRMARY
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TOSSED IN SPACE, HUH? TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE?* STICK ANYTHING IN YOUR EAR WHILE YOU WERE OUT THERE?
JUST A FUNKY, TWO-WAY IMPLANT TO HELP ME SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ALIEN LINGO, DR. QUACK!**
WHY?
BILLY HATCHER
X-RAY
SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND TAKUMA HATORI AT SEGA LICENSING
*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #126-129.
**SEE STH #127.
UH-HUH. THAT'S WHAT THIS X-RAY CONFIRMS, BUT WHOEVER GAVE YOU THE IMPLANT DIDN'T TELL YOU--
SUPER SONIC
MAGNIFY X10
--THAT IT WOULD ALSO BOND WITH YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM!
WHAT?! YOU MEAN IT'S PART OF ME?! WELL, DOC YOU'VE GOTTA GET RID OF IT!!

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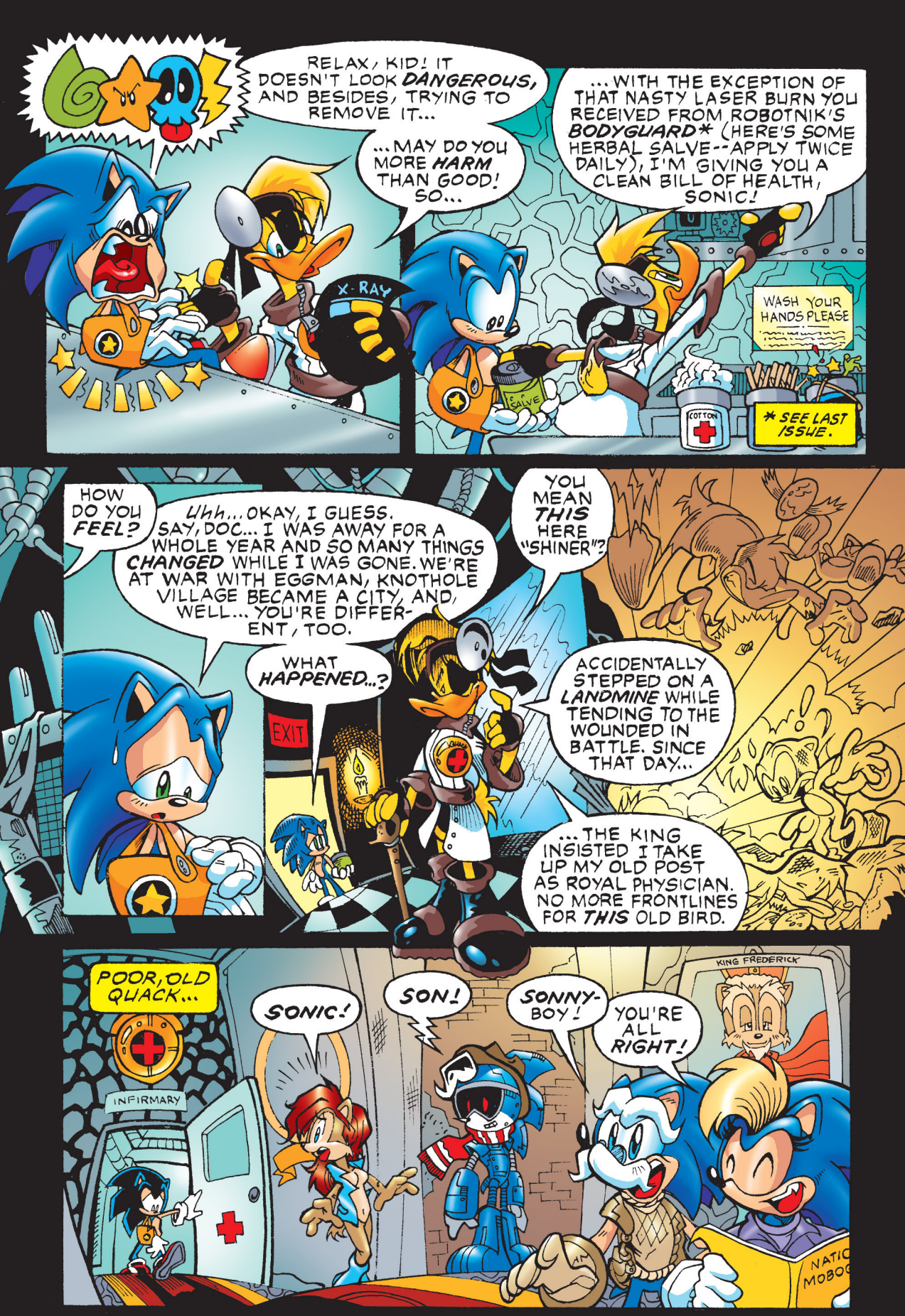
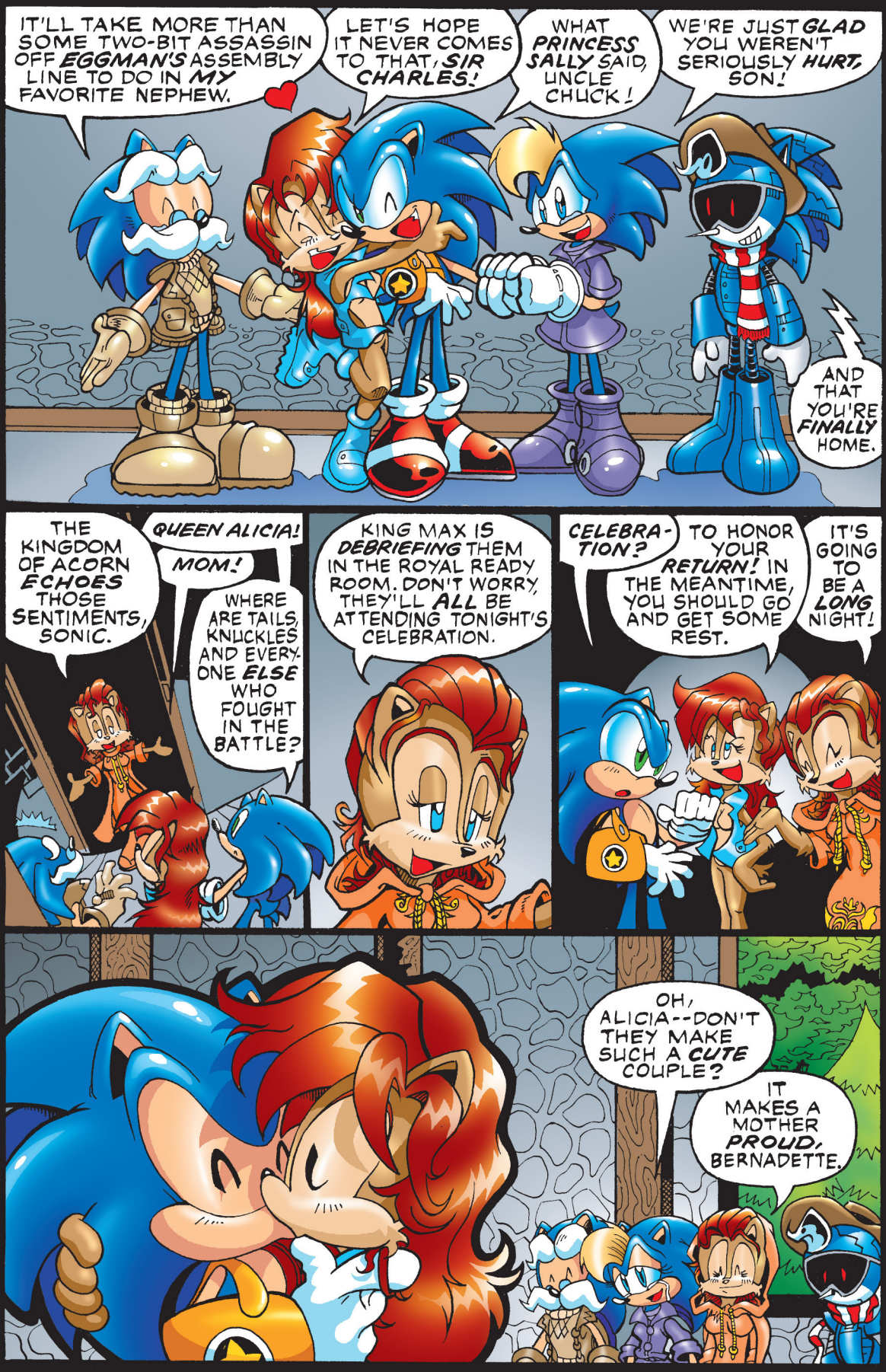
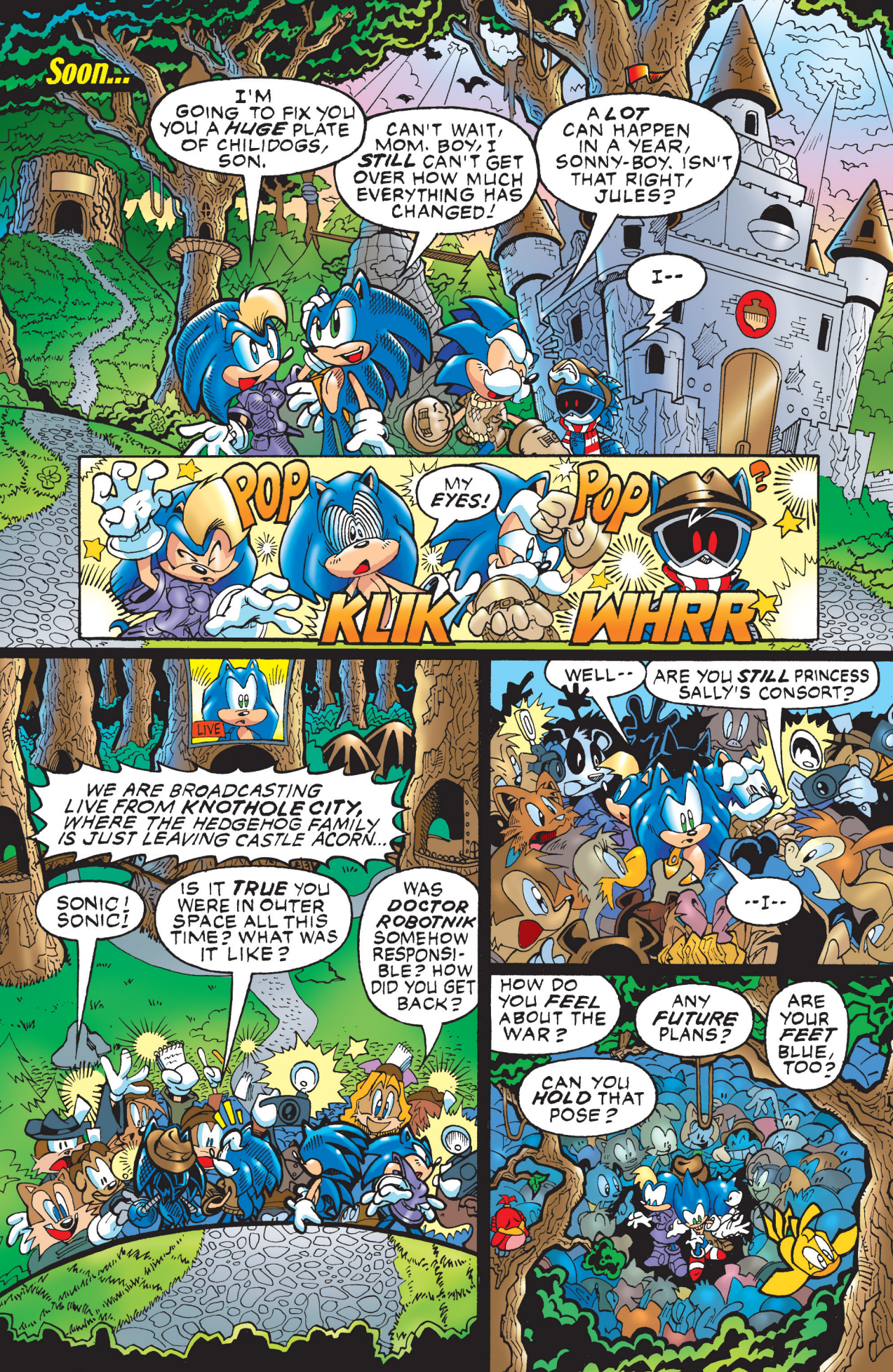
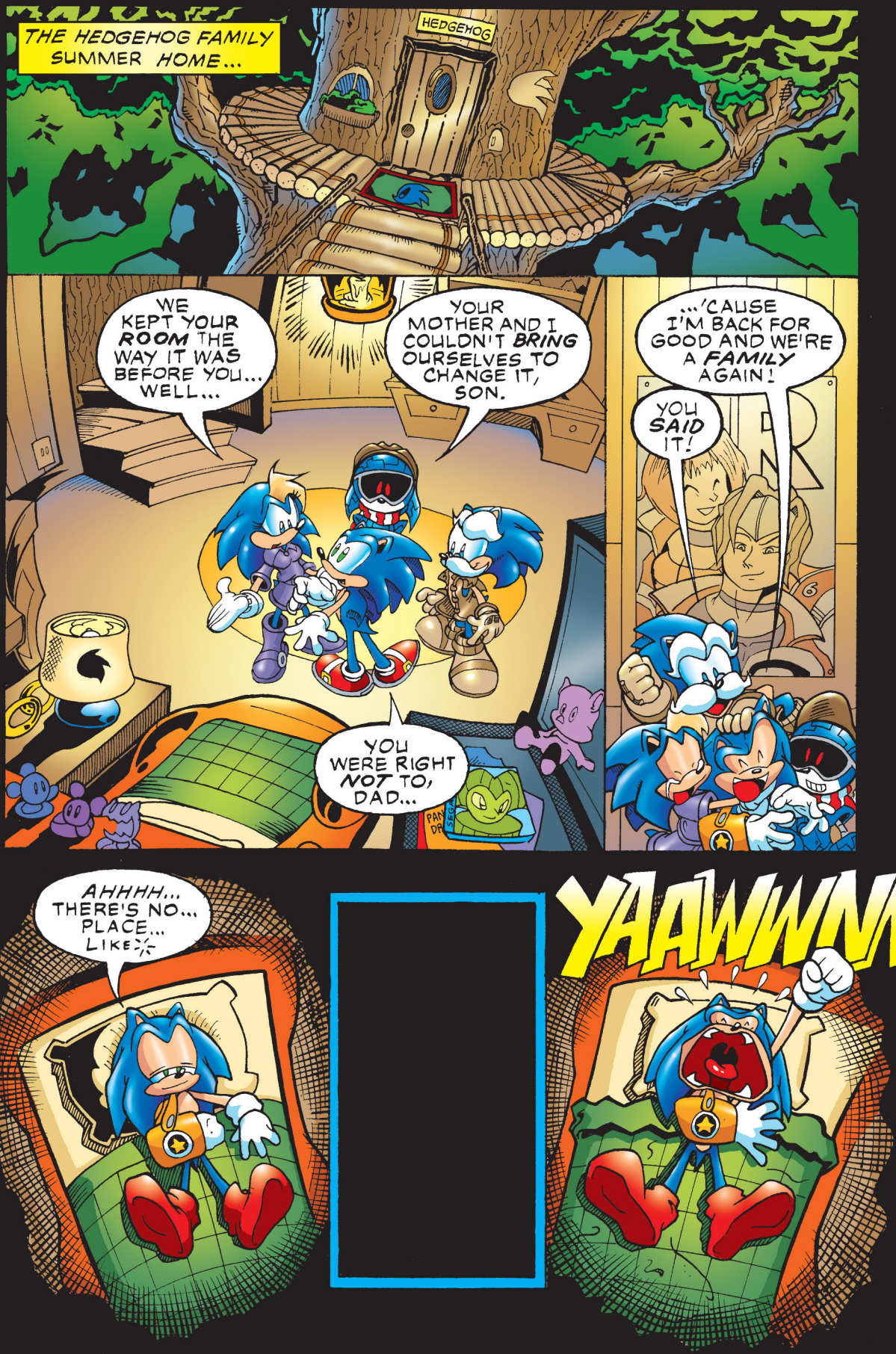
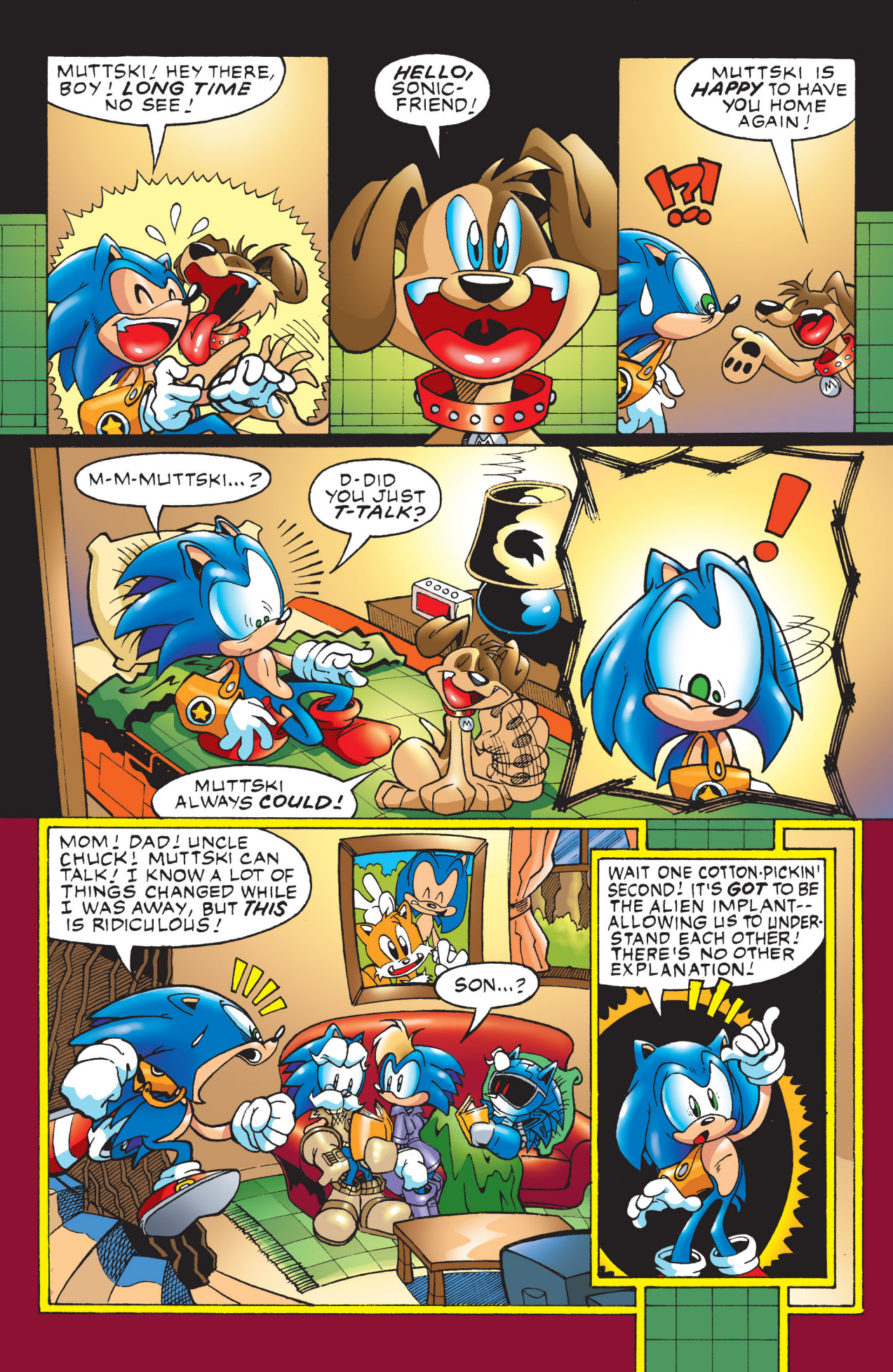
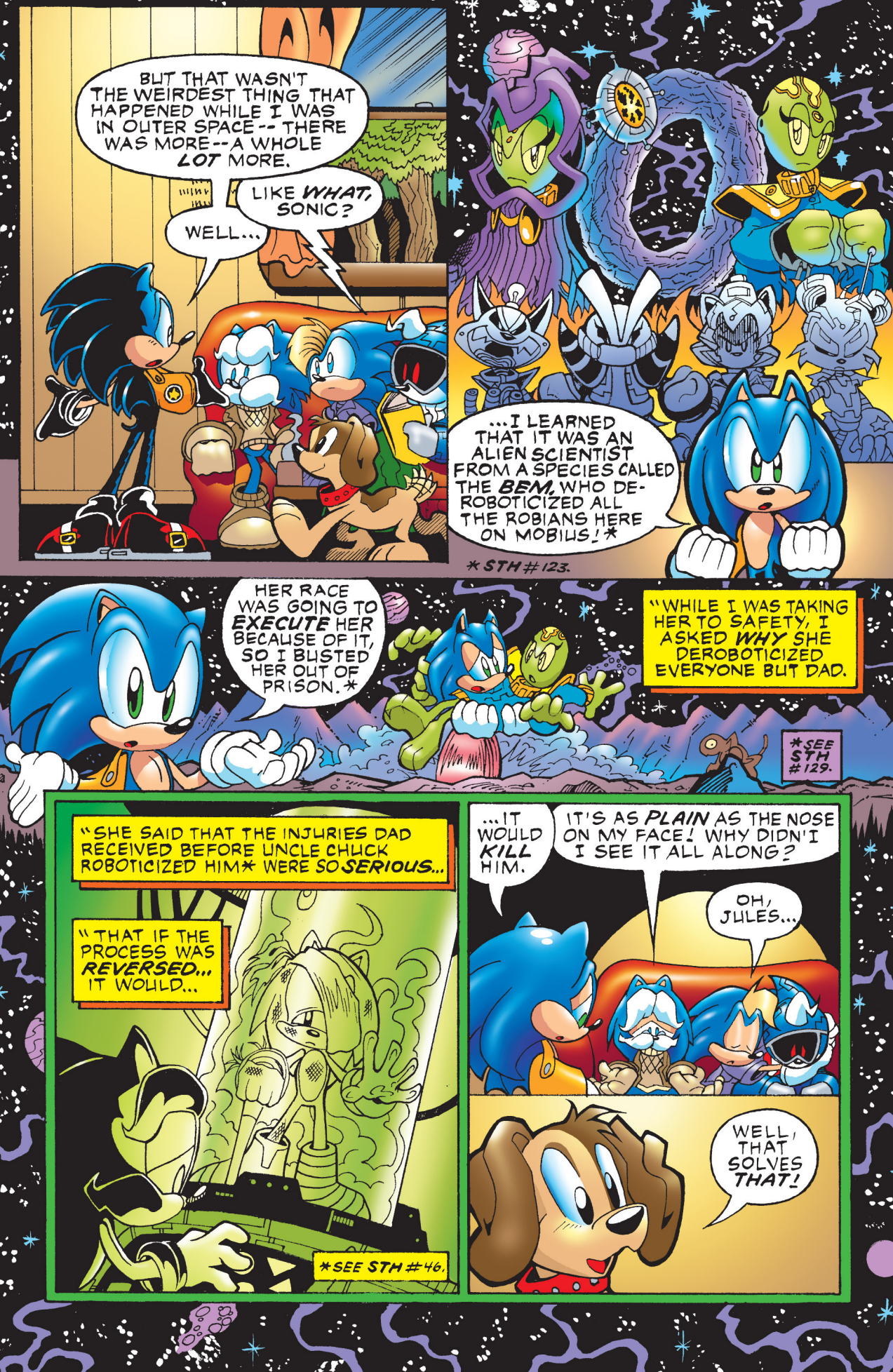

GAH!
RELAX, KID! IT DOESN'T LOOK DANGEROUS, AND BESIDES, TRYING TO REMOVE IT...
...MAY DO YOU MORE HARM THAN GOOD! SO...
X-RAY
...WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT NASTY LASER BURN YOU RECEIVED FROM ROBOTNIK'S BODYGUARD* (HERE'S SOME HERBAL SALVE--APPLY TWICE DAILY), I'M GIVING YOU A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH, SONIC!
WASH YOUR HANDS PLEASE
SALVE
COTTON
* SEE LAST ISSUE.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
Uhh... OKAY, I GUESS. SAY, DOC... I WAS AWAY FOR A WHOLE YEAR AND SO MANY THINGS CHANGED WHILE I WAS GONE. WE'RE AT WAR WITH EGGMAN, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE BECAME A CITY, AND, WELL... YOU'RE DIFFERENT, TOO.
WHAT HAPPENED...?
EXIT
YOU MEAN THIS HERE "SHINER"?
ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON A LANDMINE WHILE TENDING TO THE WOUNDED IN BATTLE. SINCE THAT DAY...
...THE KING INSISTED I TAKE UP MY OLD POST AS ROYAL PHYSICIAN. NO MORE FRONTLINES FOR THIS OLD BIRD.
POOR, OLD QUACK...
INFIRMARY
SONIC!
SON!
SONNY-BOY!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
KING FREDERICK

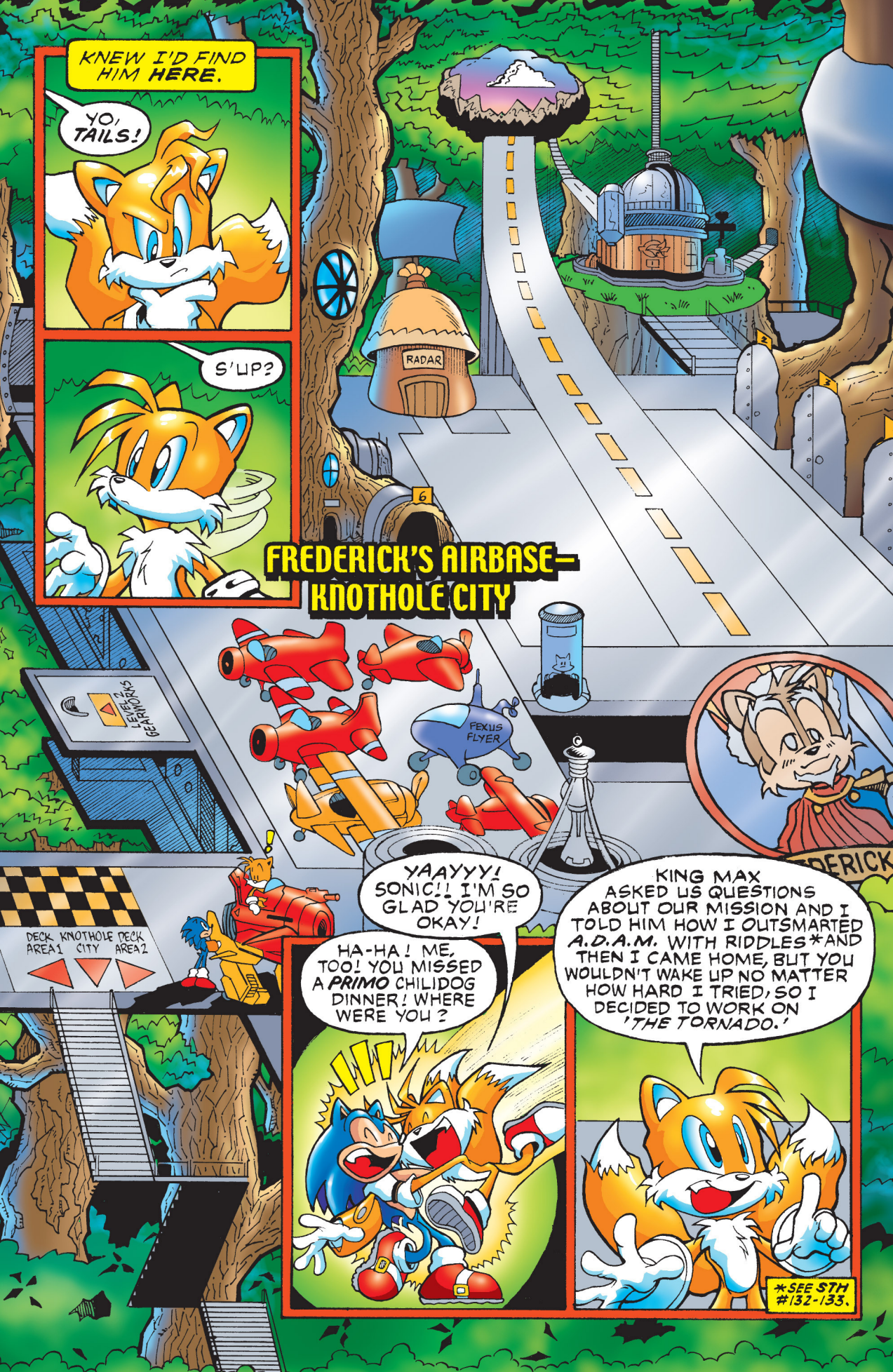

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SOME TWO-BIT ASSASSIN OFF EGGMAN'S ASSEMBLY LINE TO DO IN MY FAVORITE NEPHEW.
LET'S HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT, SIR CHARLES!
WHAT PRINCESS SALLY SAID, UNCLE CHUCK!
WE'RE JUST GLAD YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY HURT, SON!
AND THAT YOU'RE FINALLY HOME.
THE KINGDOM OF ACORN ECHOES THOSE SENTIMENTS, SONIC.
QUEEN ALICIA!
MOM!
WHERE ARE TAILS, KNUCKLES AND EVERY-ONE ELSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE?
KING MAX IS DEBRIEFING THEM IN THE ROYAL READY ROOM. DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL ALL BE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S CELEBRATION.
CELEBRA-TION?
TO HONOR YOUR RETURN! IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD GO AND GET SOME REST.
IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG NIGHT!
OH, ALICIA--DON'T THEY MAKE SUCH A CUTE COUPLE?
IT MAKES A MOTHER PROUD, BERNADETTE.

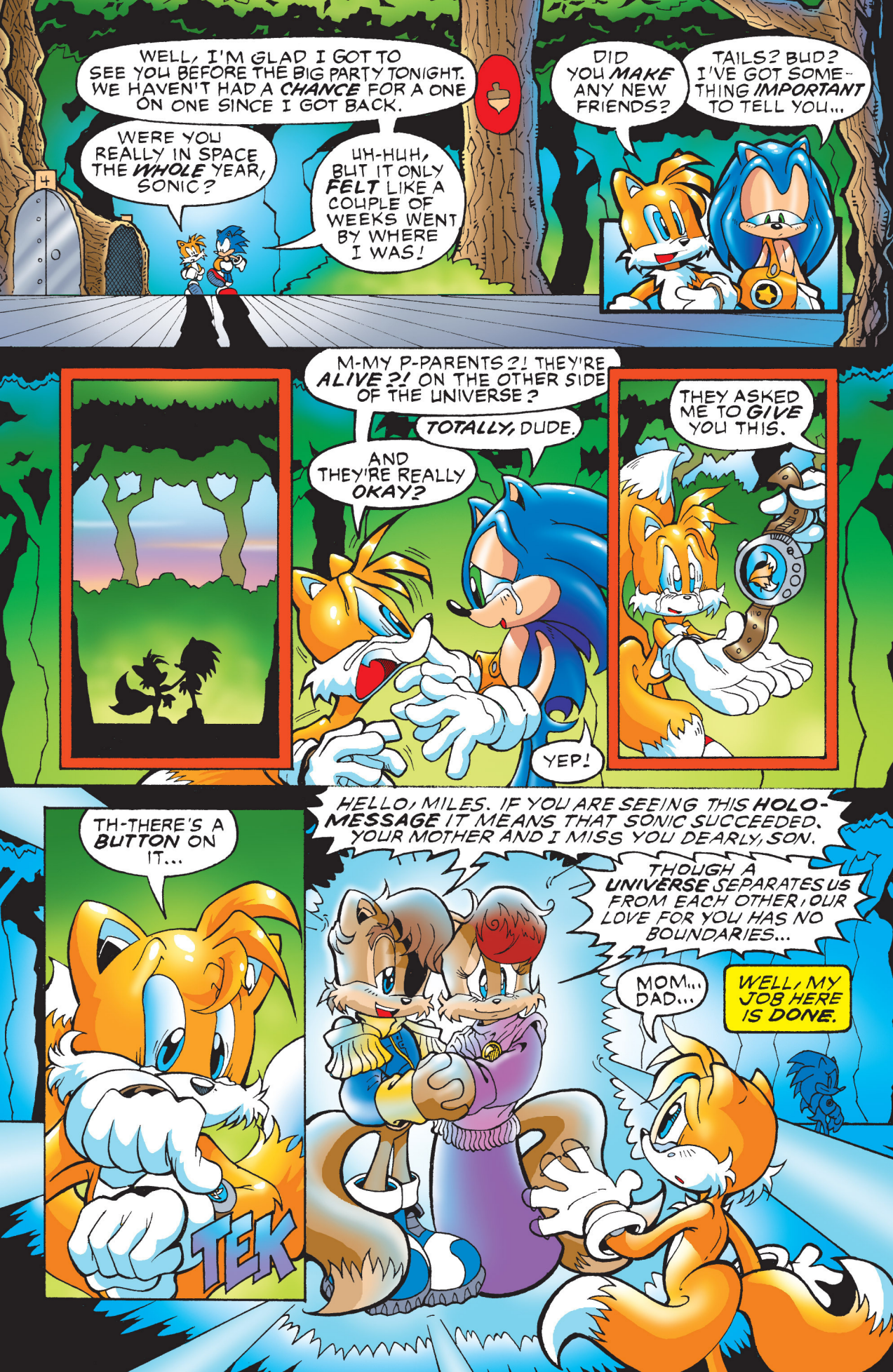

Soon...
I'M GOING TO FIX YOU YOU A HUGE PLATE OF CHILIDOGS, SON.
CAN'T WAIT, MOM. BOY, I STILL CAN'T GET OVER HOW MUCH EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED!
A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR, SONNY-BOY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JULES?
I--
POP
MY EYES!
POP
?
KLIK
WHRR
LIVE
WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM KNOTHOLE CITY, WHERE THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY IS JUST LEAVING CASTLE ACORN...
SONIC! SONIC!
IS IT TRUE YOU WERE IN OUTER SPACE ALL THIS TIME? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
WAS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE? HOW DID YOU GET BACK?
WELL--
ARE YOU STILL PRINCESS SALLY'S CONSORT?
--I--
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE WAR?
ANY FUTURE PLANS?
ARE YOUR FEET BLUE, TOO?
CAN YOU HOLD THAT POSE?

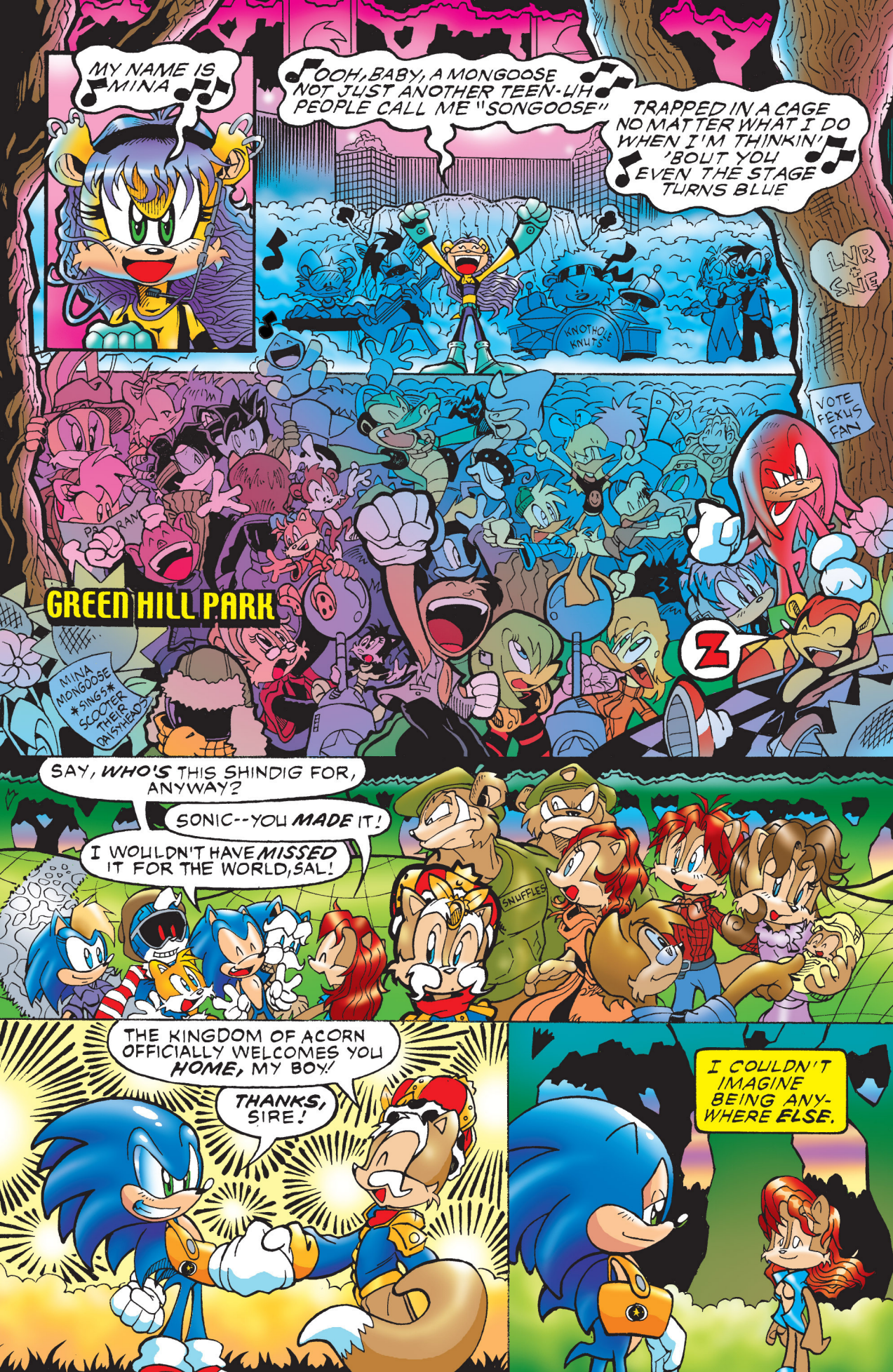

THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY SUMMER HOME...
HEDGEHOG
WE KEPT YOUR ROOM THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE YOU... WELL...
YOUR MOTHER AND I COULDN'T BRING OURSELVES TO CHANGE IT, SON.
...'CAUSE I'M BACK FOR GOOD AND WE'RE A FAMILY AGAIN!
YOU SAID IT!
YOU WERE RIGHT NOT TO, DAD...
AHHHH... THERE'S NO... PLACE... LIKE...
YAAWWN


MUTTSKI! HEY THERE, BOY! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HELLO, SONIC-FRIEND!
MUTTSKI IS HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HOME AGAIN!
!?!
M-M-MUTTSKI...?
D-DID YOU JUST T-TALK?
!
MUTTSKI ALWAYS COULD!
MOM! DAD! UNCLE CHUCK! MUTTSKI CAN TALK! I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS CHANGED WHILE I WAS AWAY, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
SON...?
WAIT ONE COTTON-PICKIN' SECOND! IT'S GOT TO BE THE ALIEN IMPLANT-- ALLOWING US TO UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER! THERE'S NO OTHER EXPLANATION!

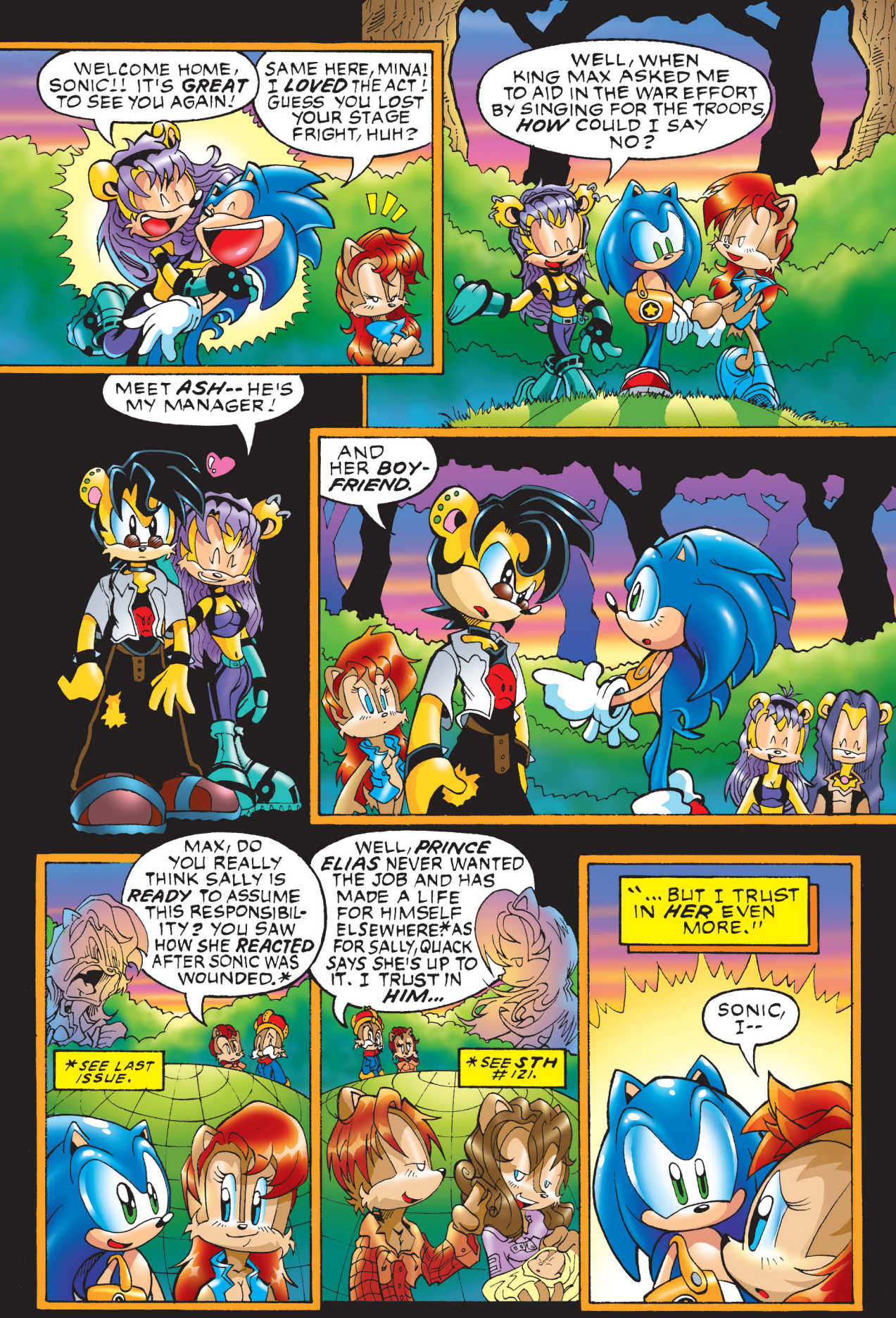

BUT THAT WASN'T THE WEIRDEST THING THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS IN OUTER SPACE -- THERE WAS MORE -- A WHOLE LOT MORE.
LIKE WHAT, SONIC?
WELL...
...I LEARNED THAT IT WAS AN ALIEN SCIENTIST FROM A SPECIES CALLED THE BEM, WHO DE-ROBOTICIZED ALL THE ROBIANS HERE ON MOBIUS!*
*STH #123.
HER RACE WAS GOING TO EXECUTE HER BECAUSE OF IT, SO I BUSTED HER OUT OF PRISON.*
"WHILE I WAS TAKING HER TO SAFETY, I ASKED WHY SHE DEROBOTICIZED EVERYONE BUT DAD.
*SEE STH #129.
"SHE SAID THAT THE INJURIES DAD RECEIVED BEFORE UNCLE CHUCK ROBOTICIZED HIM* WERE SO SERIOUS...
"THAT IF THE PROCESS WAS REVERSED... IT WOULD...
*SEE STH #46.
...IT WOULD KILL HIM.
IT'S AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON MY FACE! WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT ALL ALONG?
OH, JULES...
WELL, THAT SOLVES THAT!

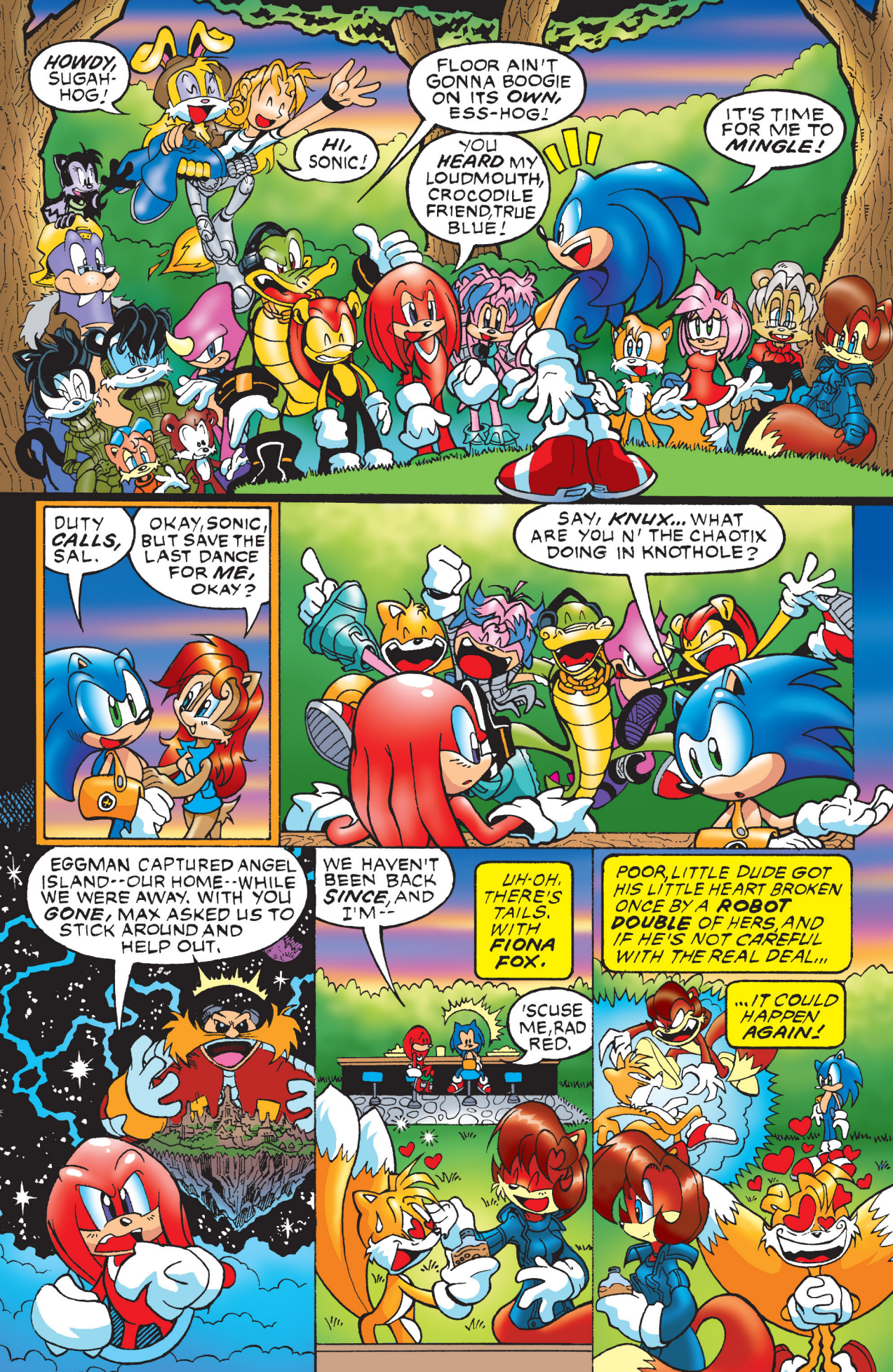

KNEW I'D FIND HIM HERE.
YO, TAILS!
S'UP?
FREDERICK'S AIRBASE— KNOTHOLE CITY
RADAR
LEVEL 2 GEARWORKS
FEXUS FLYER
DECK AREA 1
KNOTHOLE CITY
DECK AREA 2
YAAYYY! SONIC!! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!
HA-HA! ME, TOO! YOU MISSED A PRIMO CHILIDOG DINNER! WHERE WERE YOU?
KING MAX ASKED US QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR MISSION AND I TOLD HIM HOW I OUTSMARTED A.D.A.M. WITH RIDDLES* AND THEN I CAME HOME, BUT YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED, SO I DECIDED TO WORK ON 'THE TORNADO.'
*SEE STH #132-133.


WELL, I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU BEFORE THE BIG PARTY TONIGHT. WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE FOR A ONE ON ONE SINCE I GOT BACK.
WERE YOU REALLY IN SPACE THE WHOLE YEAR, SONIC?
UH-HUH, BUT IT ONLY FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS WENT BY WHERE I WAS!
DID YOU MAKE ANY NEW FRIENDS?
TAILS? BUD? I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU...
M-MY P-PARENTS?! THEY'RE ALIVE?! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE?
TOTALLY, DUDE.
AND THEY'RE REALLY OKAY?
YEP!
THEY ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.
TH-THERE'S A BUTTON ON IT...
TEK
HELLO, MILES. IF YOU ARE SEEING THIS HOLO-MESSAGE IT MEANS THAT SONIC SUCCEEDED. YOUR MOTHER AND I MISS YOU DEARLY, SON.
THOUGH A UNIVERSE SEPARATES US FROM EACH OTHER, OUR LOVE FOR YOU HAS NO BOUNDARIES...
MOM... DAD...
WELL, MY JOB HERE IS DONE.

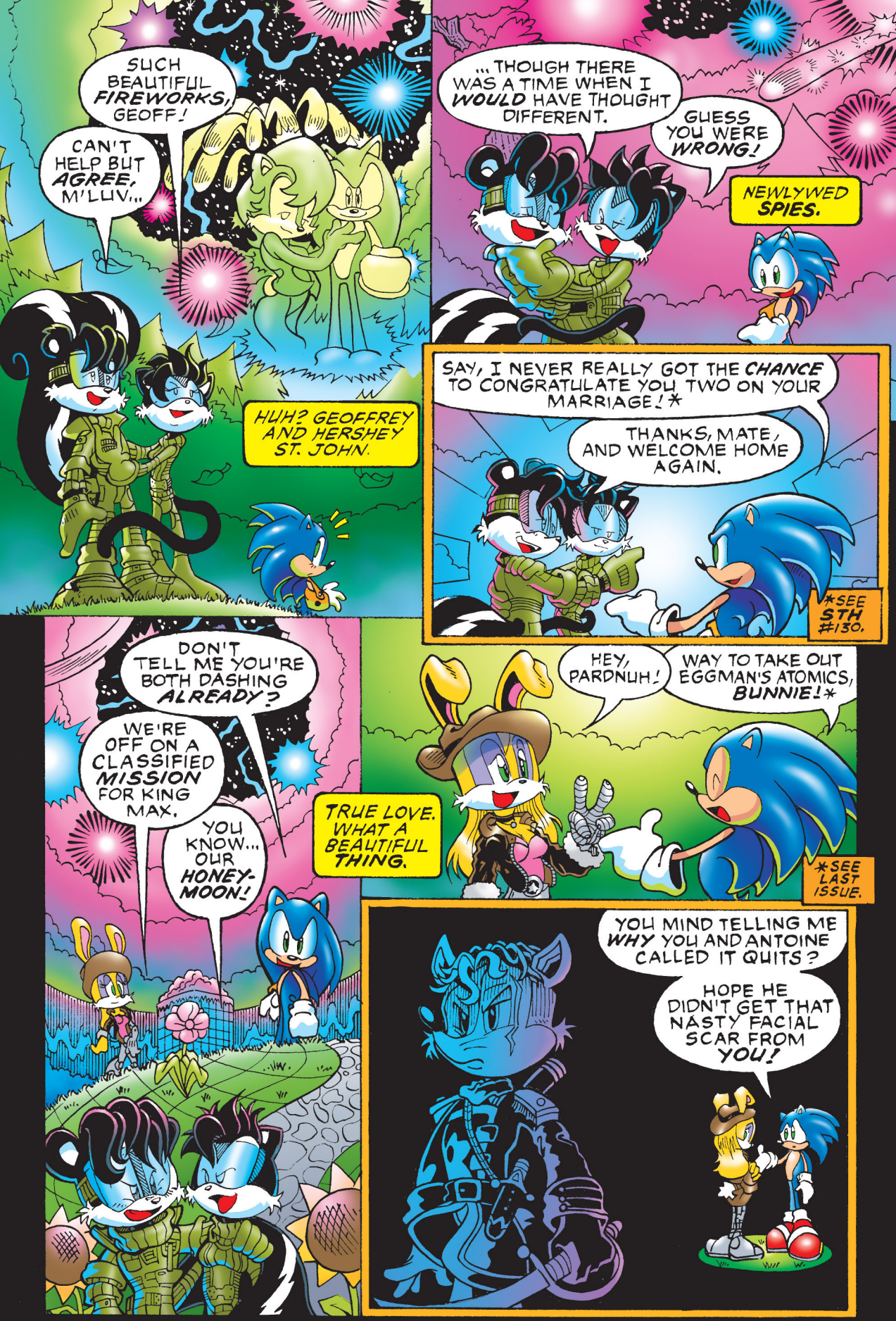

MY NAME IS MINA
OOH, BABY, A MONGOOSE NOT JUST ANOTHER TEEN-UH PEOPLE CALL ME "SONGOOSE"
TRAPPED IN A CAGE NO MATTER WHAT I DO WHEN I'M THINKIN' 'BOUT YOU EVEN THE STAGE TURNS BLUE
LNR & SNE
KNOTHOLE KNUTS
VOTE FEXUS FAN
GREEN HILL PARK
MINA MONGOOSE *SINGS* SCOOTER THEIR DAISYHEADS
SAY, WHO'S THIS SHINDIG FOR, ANYWAY?
SONIC--YOU MADE IT!
I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR THE WORLD, SAL!
SNUFFLES
THE KINGDOM OF ACORN OFFICIALLY WELCOMES YOU HOME, MY BOY!
THANKS, SIRE!
I COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING ANY-WHERE ELSE.

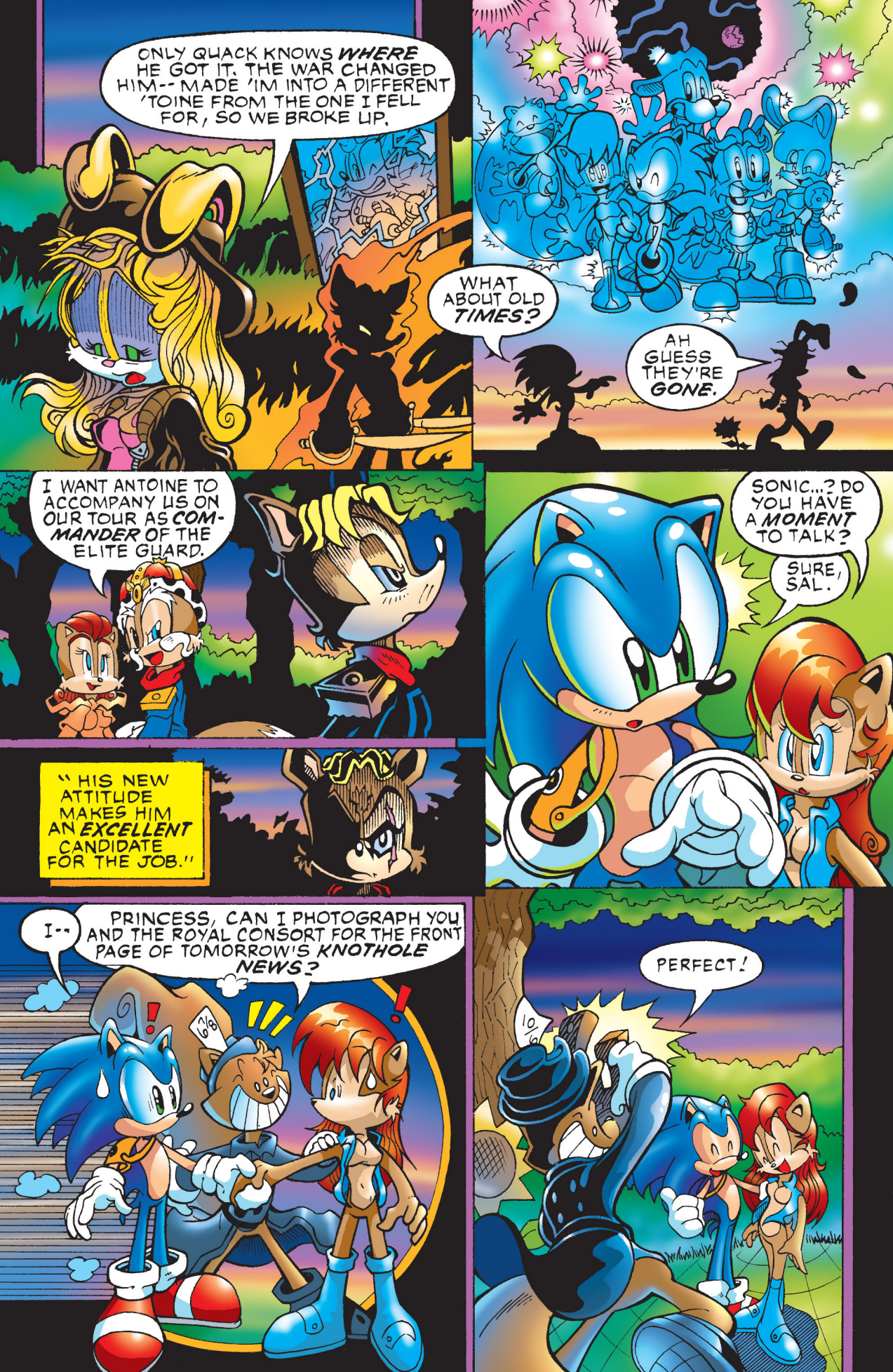
COME ALONG, ALL. I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
ANNOUNCEMENT?
HERE YOU GO, SIRE!
WHY THANK YOU, MINA!
GOOD CITIZENS, AS AN EFFORT TO FORTIFY OUR KINGDOM AGAINST DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
...QUEEN ALICIA AND I WILL DEPART KNOTHOLE IN A FEW SHORT WEEKS, ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF THE PLANET, WITH STATION SQUARE AS OUR FINAL STOP!
DURING OUR ABSENCE, PRINCESS SALLY WILL SERVE AS ACTING RULER!
?
NOW EVERYONE, PLEASE--
--ENJOY THE CELEBRATION!
WOW, AMY--SALLY'S IN CHARGE!
GIRLS RULE, TEKNO!

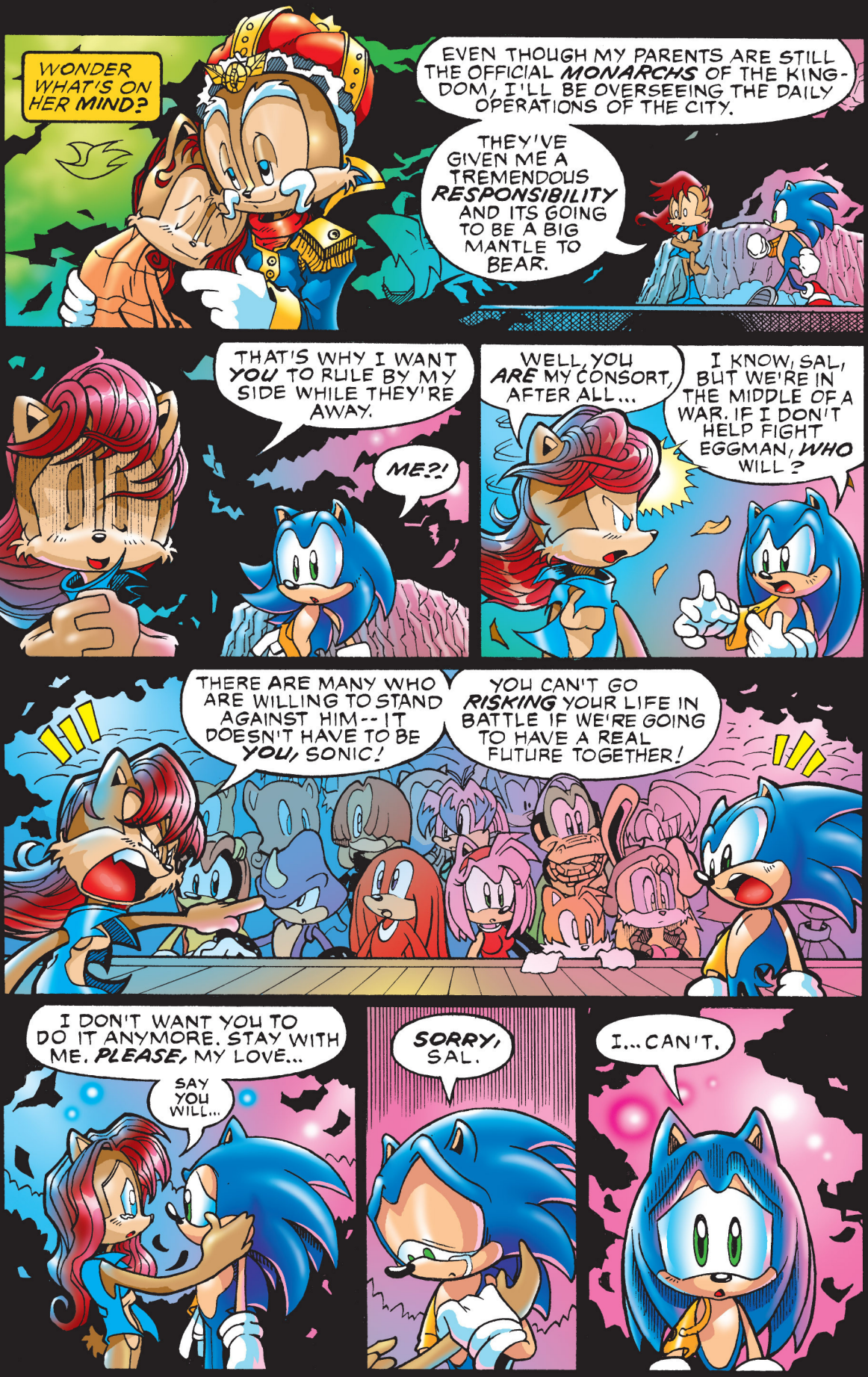

WELCOME HOME, SONIC!! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
SAME HERE, MINA! I LOVED THE ACT! GUESS YOU LOST YOUR STAGE FRIGHT, HUH?
WELL, WHEN KING MAX ASKED ME TO AID IN THE WAR EFFORT BY SINGING FOR THE TROOPS, HOW COULD I SAY NO?
MEET ASH-- HE'S MY MANAGER!
AND HER BOY-FRIEND.
MAX, DO YOU REALLY THINK SALLY IS READY TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY? YOU SAW HOW SHE REACTED AFTER SONIC WAS WOUNDED.*
*SEE LAST ISSUE.
WELL, PRINCE ELIAS NEVER WANTED THE JOB AND HAS MADE A LIFE FOR HIMSELF ELSEWHERE.* AS FOR SALLY, QUACK SAYS SHE'S UP TO IT. I TRUST IN HIM...
*SEE STH #121.
"... BUT I TRUST IN HER EVEN MORE."
SONIC, I--

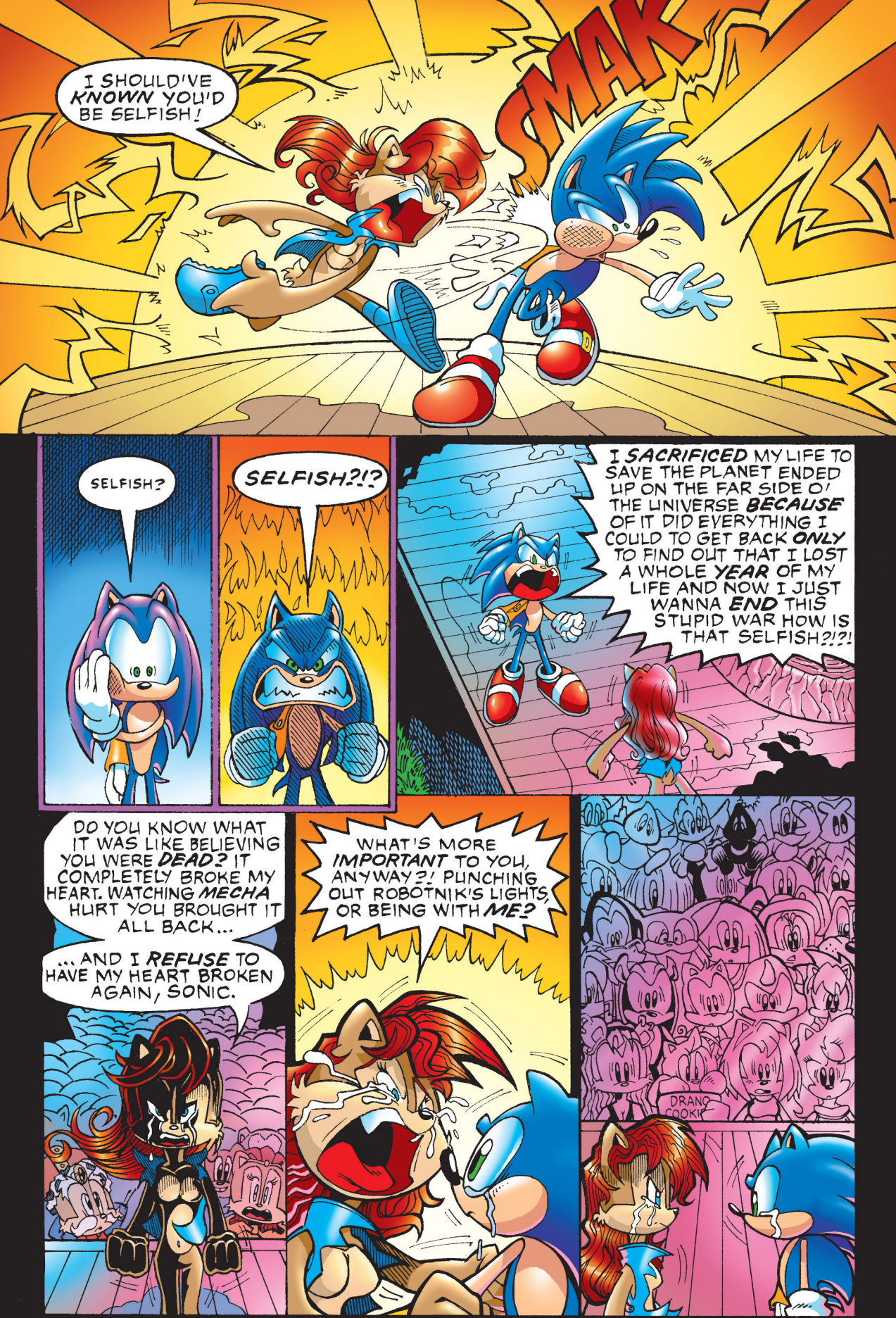

HOWDY, SUGAH-HOG!
HI, SONIC!
FLOOR AIN'T GONNA BOOGIE ON ITS OWN, ESS-HOG!
YOU HEARD MY LOUDMOUTH, CROCODILE FRIEND, TRUE BLUE!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MINGLE!
DUTY CALLS, SAL.
OKAY, SONIC, BUT SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME, OKAY?
SAY, KNUX... WHAT ARE YOU N' THE CHAOTIX DOING IN KNOTHOLE?
EGGMAN CAPTURED ANGEL ISLAND--OUR HOME--WHILE WE WERE AWAY. WITH YOU GONE, MAX ASKED US TO STICK AROUND AND HELP OUT.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE, AND I'M--
UH-OH. THERE'S TAILS. WITH FIONA FOX.
'SCUSE ME, RAD RED.
POOR, LITTLE DUDE GOT HIS LITTLE HEART BROKEN ONCE BY A ROBOT DOUBLE OF HERS, AND IF HE'S NOT CAREFUL WITH THE REAL DEAL...
...IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!

SONIC!
HEY, ROTOR...
...UHH... GUESS YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY SINCE RETIRING FROM AWAY MISSIONS, HUH?
SWEETIE
YOU BET! NOW I JUST INVENT DOODADS FOR YOU FIELD AGENTS TO TAKE ALONG!
BUT DON'T WORRY-- THIS ISN'T ONE OF THEM!
JUST A SEC!
THEN WHAT ON MOBIUS IS IT?
WHEEEEE
POOM
POOM
POOM
POOM
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL GENIUS, ROTE.
YAAAAAAY!


SUCH BEAUTIFUL FIREWORKS, GEOFF!
CAN'T HELP BUT AGREE, M'LUV...
HUH? GEOFFREY AND HERSHEY ST. JOHN.
...THOUGH THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT DIFFERENT.
GUESS YOU WERE WRONG!
NEWLYWED SPIES.
SAY, I NEVER REALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE YOU TWO ON YOUR MARRIAGE!*
THANKS, MATE, AND WELCOME HOME AGAIN.
*SEE STH #130.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BOTH DASHING ALREADY?
WE'RE OFF ON A CLASSIFIED MISSION FOR KING MAX.
YOU KNOW... OUR HONEY-MOON!
TRUE LOVE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING.
HEY, PARDNUH!
WAY TO TAKE OUT EGGMAN'S ATOMICS, BUNNIE!*
*SEE LAST ISSUE.
YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU AND ANTOINE CALLED IT QUITS?
HOPE HE DIDN'T GET THAT NASTY FACIAL SCAR FROM YOU!


ONLY QUACK KNOWS WHERE HE GOT IT. THE WAR CHANGED HIM-- MADE 'IM INTO A DIFFERENT 'TOINE FROM THE ONE I FELL FOR, SO WE BROKE UP.
WHAT ABOUT OLD TIMES?
AH GUESS THEY'RE GONE.
I WANT ANTOINE TO ACCOMPANY US ON OUR TOUR AS COMMANDER OF THE ELITE GUARD.
SONIC...? DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?
SURE, SAL.
"HIS NEW ATTITUDE MAKES HIM AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB."
I--
PRINCESS, CAN I PHOTOGRAPH YOU AND THE ROYAL CONSORT FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF TOMORROW'S KNOTHOLE NEWS?
PERFECT!


WONDER WHAT'S ON HER MIND?
EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS ARE STILL THE OFFICIAL MONARCHS OF THE KINGDOM, I'LL BE OVERSEEING THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY.
THEY'VE GIVEN ME A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND ITS GOING TO BE A BIG MANTLE TO BEAR.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO RULE BY MY SIDE WHILE THEY'RE AWAY.
ME?!
WELL, YOU ARE MY CONSORT, AFTER ALL...
I KNOW, SAL, BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR. IF I DON'T HELP FIGHT EGGMAN, WHO WILL?
THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST HIM--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU, SONIC!
YOU CAN'T GO RISKING YOUR LIFE IN BATTLE IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A REAL FUTURE TOGETHER!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO IT ANYMORE. STAY WITH ME. PLEASE, MY LOVE...
SAY YOU WILL...
SORRY, SAL.
I...CAN'T.


I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE SELFISH!
SMAK
SELFISH?
SELFISH?!?
I SACRIFICED MY LIFE TO SAVE THE PLANET ENDED UP ON THE FAR SIDE O' THE UNIVERSE BECAUSE OF IT DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO GET BACK ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT I LOST A WHOLE YEAR OF MY LIFE AND NOW I JUST WANNA END THIS STUPID WAR HOW IS THAT SELFISH?!?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE BELIEVING YOU WERE DEAD? IT COMPLETELY BROKE MY HEART. WATCHING MECHA HURT YOU BROUGHT IT ALL BACK...
...AND I REFUSE TO HAVE MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN, SONIC.
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU, ANYWAY?! PUNCHING OUT ROBOTNIK'S LIGHTS, OR BEING WITH ME?
DRANO COOKIE

THEN HE CAN HAVE YOU ALL TO HIMSELF.
THE END

INOBIUS
25 YEARS LATER

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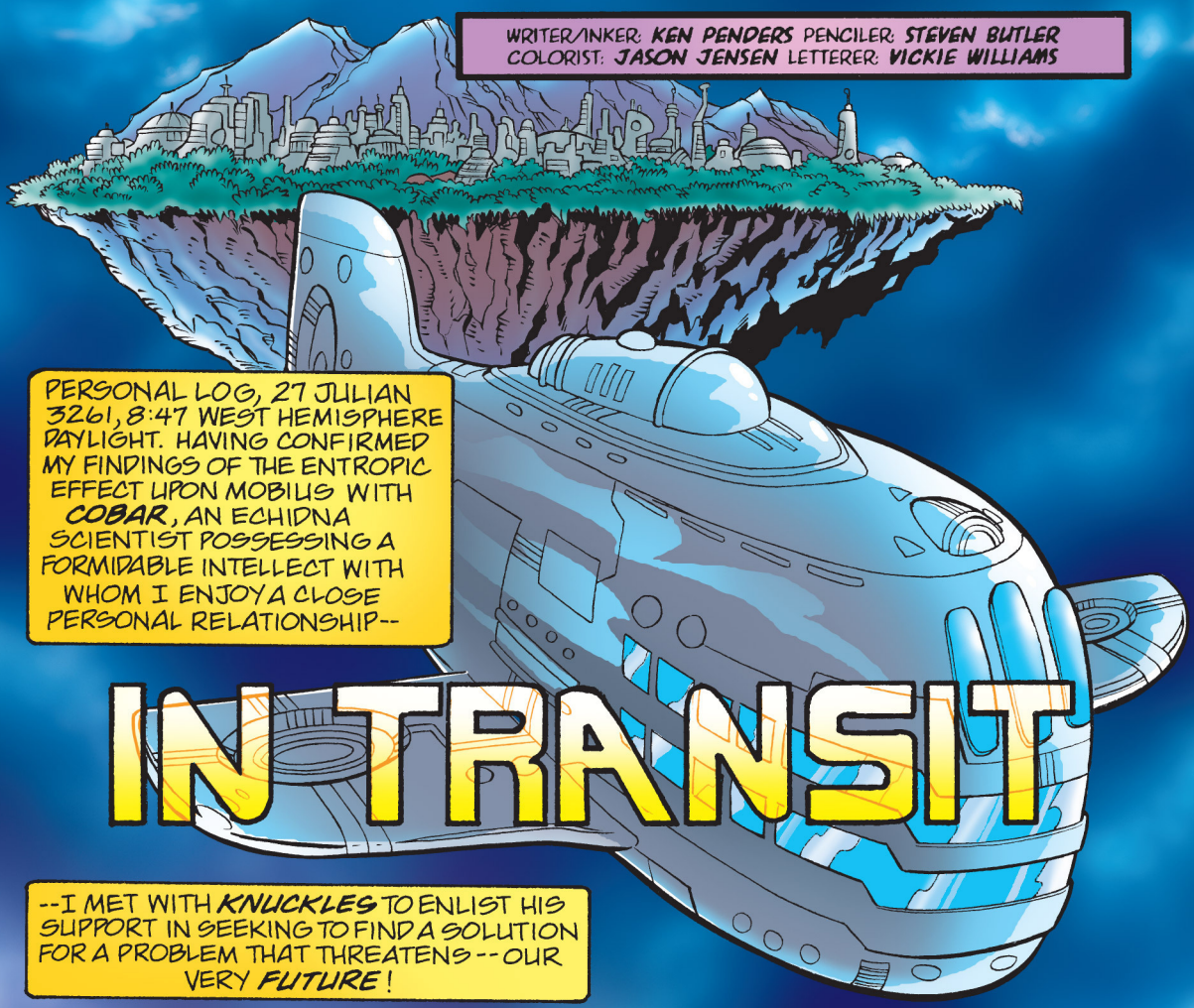
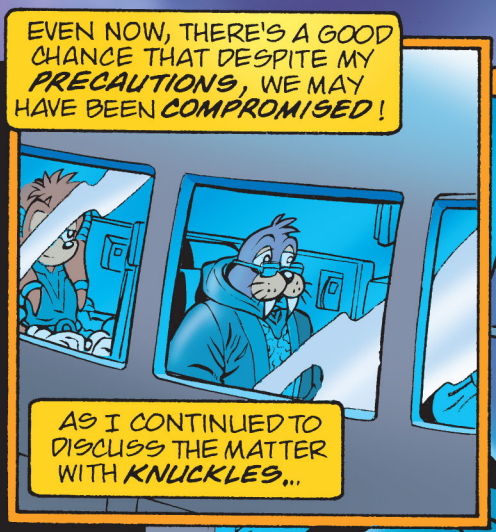
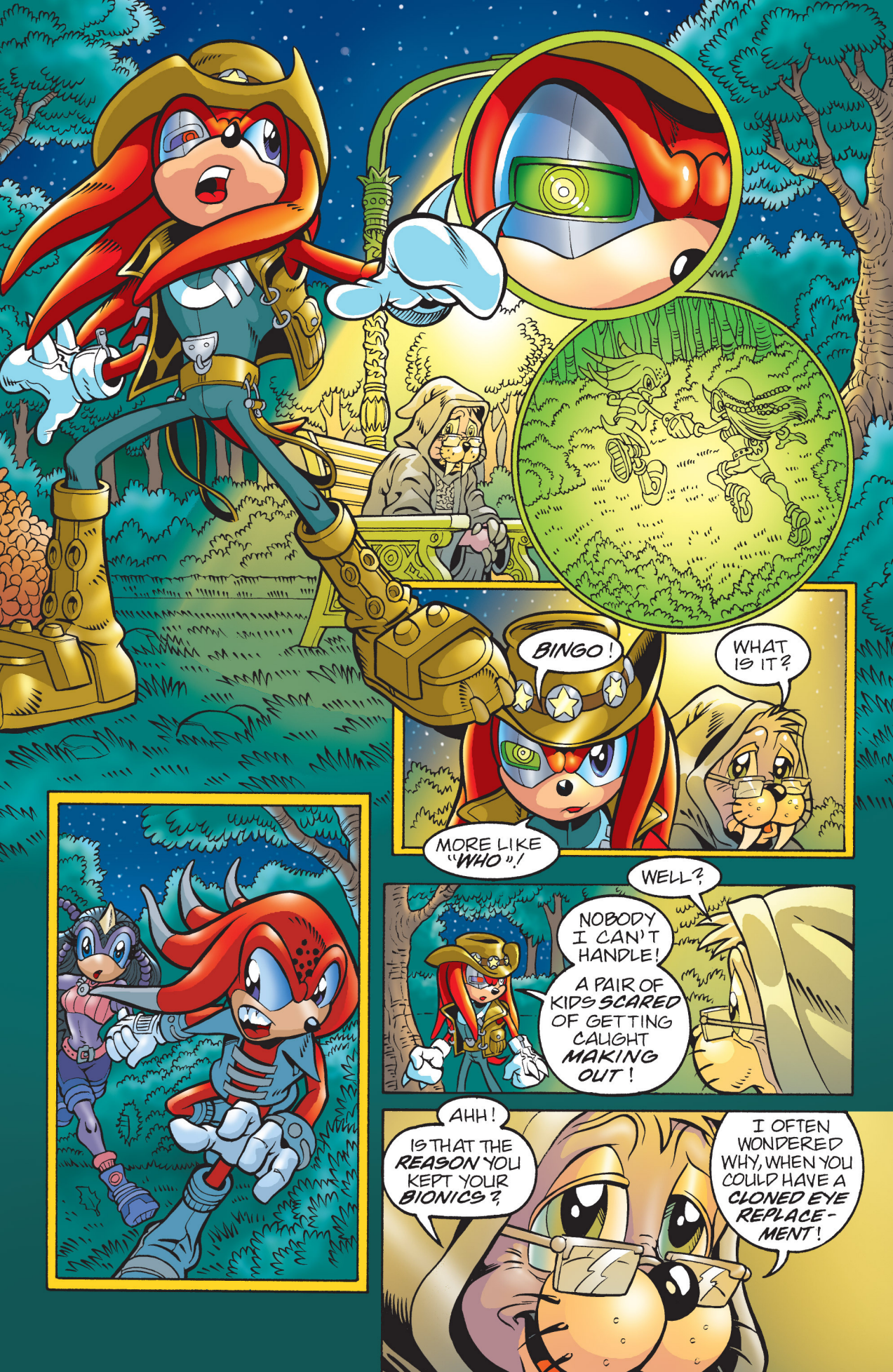
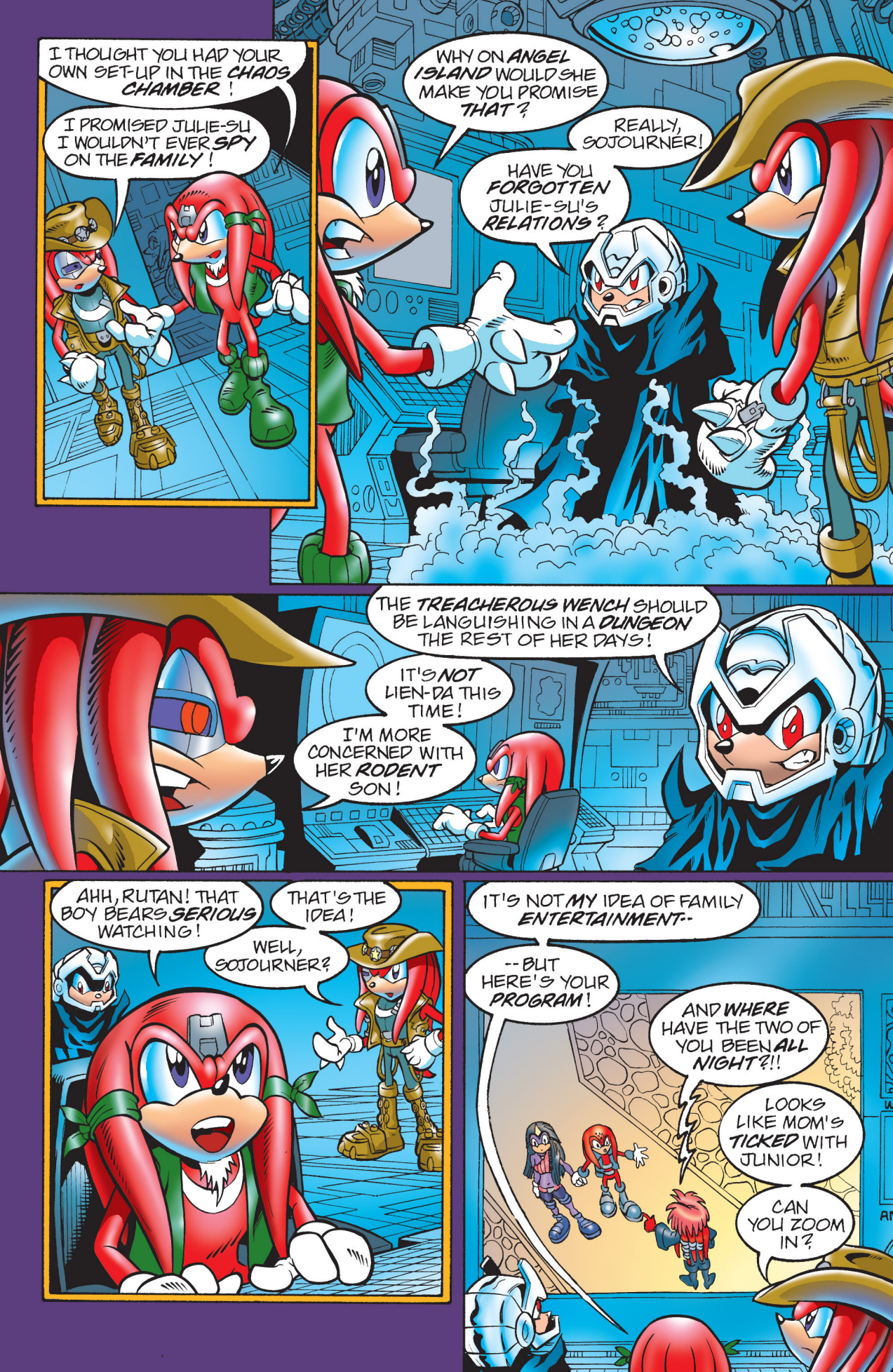

PERSONAL LOG, 27 JULIAN 3261, 8:47 WEST HEMISPHERE DAYLIGHT. HAVING CONFIRMED MY FINDINGS OF THE ENTROPIC EFFECT UPON MOBIUS WITH COBAR, AN ECHIDNA SCIENTIST POSSESSING A FORMIDABLE INTELLECT WITH WHOM I ENJOY A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP--
IN TRANSIT
--I MET WITH KNUCKLES TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT IN SEEKING TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS -- OUR VERY FUTURE!
OUR MAJOR CONCERN--AVERTING A WORLDWIDE PANIC BEFORE WE HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION!


EVEN NOW, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT DESPITE MY PRECAUTIONS, WE MAY HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED!
AS I CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH KNUCKLES...

...THEN THERE'S THE ISSUE OF COMPETING POLITICAL INTERESTS!
THERE'S GOING TO BE A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT FOR EVERY ALTERNATIVE THAT'S PROPOSED!
KRA-AACK!
HOLD IT!


BINGO!
WHAT IS IT?
MORE LIKE "WHO"!
WELL?
NOBODY I CAN'T HANDLE!
A PAIR OF KIDS SCARED OF GETTING CAUGHT MAKING OUT!
AHH!
IS THAT THE REASON YOU KEPT YOUR BIONICS?
I OFTEN WONDERED WHY, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE A CLONED EYE REPLACE-MENT!

SO I'VE HEARD!
MAYBE SOMEDAY!
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL CHECK OUT YOUR INFO AND GET BACK TO YOU!
HOW AMAZED KNUCKLES WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD I TOLD HIM--
"--I KNEW HE'D BE CONFERRING WITH THE BROTHERHOOD AT HAVEN TWO..."
GRANDFATHER!
OH, MY-- KNUCKLES!
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG! EVER SINCE--
YEAH, I KNOW! WHAT CAN I SAY?
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE HERE!
AND, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE SABRE HIMSELF WOULD AGREE!
I NEED A FAVOR, SOJOURNER!
ARE THE SATELLITE MONITORS STILL UP AND RUNNING?


I THOUGHT YOU HAD YOUR OWN SET-UP IN THE CHAOS CHAMBER!
I PROMISED JULIE-SU I WOULDN'T EVER SPY ON THE FAMILY!
WHY ON ANGEL ISLAND WOULD SHE MAKE YOU PROMISE THAT?
REALLY, SOJOURNER!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN JULIE-SU'S RELATIONS?
THE TREACHEROUS WENCH SHOULD BE LANGUISHING IN A DUNGEON THE REST OF HER DAYS!
IT'S NOT LIEN-DA THIS TIME!
I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH HER RODENT SON!
AHH, RUTAN! THAT BOY BEARS SERIOUS WATCHING!
THAT'S THE IDEA!
WELL, SOJOURNER?
IT'S NOT MY IDEA OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT--
--BUT HERE'S YOUR PROGRAM!
AND WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?!!
LOOKS LIKE MOM'S TICKED WITH JUNIOR!
CAN YOU ZOOM IN?

WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AFTER LARA-SU'S UNVEILING*, MOM!
DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW ABOUT THIS, SALMA?
*ECHIDNA FEMALE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY--JUSTIN.
SALMA?
NO, MA'AM!
I TOLD THEM I WAS STAYING OVER-NIGHT WITH LARA-SU!
SAY, DAD, DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR KID'S COVERING FOR?
LARA-SU'S GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO WHEN I GET HOLD OF HER!
PLEASE DON'T TELL US THIS IS ALL ABOUT DISCOVERING WHAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DO BEHIND YOUR BACK!
HARDLY!
I'M MORE INTERESTED IF JUNIOR LEARNED ANYTHING HE SHOULDN'T!
DO TELL!
YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THE WEATHER LATELY?
WELL, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, YOUNG MAN! RIGHT NOW--

--LET'S GET SALMA HOME!
I'M IMPRESSED, COBAR!
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD HACK INTO THE BROTHERHOOD'S SATELLITE NETWORK!
IT WAS QUITE BY ACCIDENT, REALLY--
--BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOOK A GIFT PASHA IN THE SNOUT!
SEEN ENOUGH?
FOR THE MOMENT,
THE KIDS BOTH SEEM PRETTY HARMLESS!
YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU KNEW HIS MOTHER!
SHE COULD REALLY MUCK THINGS UP!
THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE THE KING AT ALL--
--GIVEN THAT HE ISN'T EXACTLY RENOWNED FOR HIS FONDNESS OF ECHIDNAS--
--ESPECIALLY THE GUARDIAN!
TO BE CONTINUED...